

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Claims 1 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. The grounds of rejection state that the specification does not describe the structure or operation of a ring structure as recited in these claims. Applicants submit that a ring structure is explicitly shown and described in Figures 1 and 2 and in paragraphs [026], [028] and [051] of the present specification. As shown, the ring structure of the control as claimed may be embodied as the connections and their arrangement among the inverters with speed/angle controls. One of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the operation of the ring structure is for passing signals between the inverters as shown in Figures 1 and 2 and discussed in the present specification. As such, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Rejection

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Jahn et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0050150). Applicants respectfully submit that since Jahn et al. was not published by the World Intellectual Property Organization under PCT Article 21(2) in the English language, that the effective U.S. filing date of Jahn et al. under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is its U.S. filing date of July 15, 2003 (the Examiner is referred to paragraph [0001] of the Jahn et al. Publication showing that it was published in the German language) (see MPEP sections 706.02(a) and 2136.03 II).

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
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Accordingly, since the present application was also filed in the U.S. on July 15, 2003, Hahn et al. is not an application filed in the U.S. *before* the invention by Applicants (see 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)).

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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